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SUBJ: UAE-PDRY TALKS

1. DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI MARCH 16 I HAD OPPOR-
TUNITY ASK HIM ABOUT JUST CONCLUDED VISIT TO ABU DHABI OF PDRY
FONMON MUTEI. SUWAIDI SAID MUTEI HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO VISIT ABU
DHABI DURING HIS TOUR OF GULF STATES SEVERAL WEEKS AGO BUT VISIT HAD
BEEN DEFERRED BECAUSE AT THAT TIME BOTH HE AND SHAIKH ZAYID WERE OUT
OF COUNTRY. SUWAIDI CHARACTERIZED UAE-PDL TALKS AS "USEFUL", SAYING
THEY WERE PART OF PROCESS OF TRYING TO END PDRY'S ISOLATION AND BRING
IT BACK INTO ARAB FOLD. ACCORDING SUWAIDI, UAE SIDE HAD INDICATED THA
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IT WAS IN A POSITION TO BE HELPFUL ON PDRY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS,
BUT AT SAME TIME IT WISHED TO SEE REAL CHANGE IN PDRY POLICY
OF MAKING TROUBLE FOR ITS NEIGHBORS. SUWAIDI SAID THAT IN THIS
RESPECT HE DID NOT THINK IT REALISTIC TO ATTEMPT TO ATTACK EXPLICIT
CONDITIONS TO UAEG ASSISTANCE FOR PDRY. ACCORDING TO SUWAIDI PDRY
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FONMIN SPENT GOOD DEAL OF TIME TRYING TO SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY FOR

OMAN/PDRY CONFLICT ONTO SHOULDERS OF SULTAN QABUS, SAYING QABUS HAD MADE NO EFFORT TO GIVE DHOFAR REBELS ANY OPENINGS FOR RAPPROCHEMENT. SUWAIDI SAID THAT ARAB LEAGUE SEC GEN MAHMOUD RIAD HAD PARTICIPATED IN TALKS WITH PDRY FONMIN. RIAD HAD NOW GONE DOWN TO MUSCAT TO TALK WITH SULTAN QABUS.

2. ALTHOUGH SUWAIDI WAS NOT VERY PRECISE ON SUBJECT, I HAVE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT HE PERSONALLY FAVORS KUBEITI APPROACH TO PDRY PROBLEM

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THAT IS TO SAY THAT WHILE HE SEES CONTINUING OMANI MILITARY PRESSURE ON REBELS AS NECESSARY, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE PROBLEM WILL GO AWAY UNLESS POLITICAL EFFORTS AS WELL ARE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON SITUATION.

UAE IN PAST HAS GIVEN SOME MINOR DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO PDRY (WE BELIEVE

MAINLY FUNDING FOR EGYPTIAN TEACHERS AND EXPERTS) BUT I HAD IMPRESSION FROM SUWAIDI'S REMARKS THAT ON THIS OCCASION NO FIRM COMMITMENT WAS GIVEN FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE, ALTHOUGH PROSPECT OF SUCH WAS EVIDENTLY DANGLED IF PDRY WOULD MEND ITS WAYS. SUWAIDI MENTIONED THAT ON PDRY PROBLEM UAE WAS TRYING TO COORDINATE ITS POLICY WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND ITS OTHER GULF NEIGHBORS. TOGETHER WITH KUWAITIS AND SEC GEN RIAD, HOWEVER, SUWAIDI LEANS TO MORE ACTIVE AND CREATIVE POLITICAL EFFORTS THAN SOME OF OTHER GULF STATES DO. SUWAIDI MADE COMMENT THAT IN UAE EYES PDRY HAD TO CHANGE ITS WAYS BUT IT WAS UNLIKELY TO DO SO UNLESS ARAB NEIGHBORS "HOLD OUT SOME HOPE TO IT." HE LEFT IMPRESSION THAT RIAD TALKS IN MUSCAT WOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF SULTAN MAKING CONCILIATORY OPENINGS TO DHOFAR REBELS, AS WELL AS TO GET SULTAN'S SUPPORT MORE GENERALLY FOR KIND OF POLITICAL STRATEGY UAEG FAVORS. SUWAIDI MADE NO MENTION OF ESTABLISHMENT UAE-PDRY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. ON THIS UAE WILL PROBABLY STAY IN STEP WITH OTHER GULF STATES.
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